

The letter referred to is as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, September 25, 1996.

Hon. FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
U.S. Senator, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: We have been working for months on an omnibus territories bill which we would like to get through the House and the Senate before the 104th Congress adjourns. A copy of that legislation is enclosed.

As you can see, we have been making a good faith effort to include provisions which both houses have been working on during this Congress. It was brought to our attention this week, however, that there is opposition to Section 8 of the legislation which would provide for a commission to study American Samoa's 96-year relationship with the U.S. and the options available to improve the territory's future governmental and economic relationship with the United States.

The Commission for Samoa is similar to the federal study commissions we have established for the Native Americans, Native Alaskans and the Native Hawaiians. Additionally, the legislation has been pending in the House for four years, and it has the support of Samoa's Delegate, the Governor, and a majority of Samoa's residents.

We support all eight of the provisions in this bill, and ask for your support so that we can provide this assistance to the territories.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman, Committee on Resources.

ELTON GALLEGLY,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs.

ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,
Senior Democratic Member, Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. GALLEGLY] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1332, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CORRECTION REGARDING LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULE TODAY

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 525, the following suspension is expected to be considered today: H.R. 3632, Patient Reviews in Nursing Facilities. The bill was noticed earlier with an incorrect number. The correct number is H.R. 3632.

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NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES PRESERVATION

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 543) to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Estonia, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 543

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Marine Sanctuaries Preservation Act".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431-1445a).

SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT.

Section 313 (16 U.S.C. 1444) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 313. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this title—

"(1) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;

"(2) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1998; and

"(3) \$18,000,000 for fiscal year 1999."

SEC. 4. MANAGEMENT, RECOVERY, AND PRESERVATION PLAN FOR U.S.S. MONITOR.

The Secretary of Commerce shall, within 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a long-range, comprehensive plan for the management, stabilization, preservation, and recovery of artifacts and materials of the United States Ship Monitor. In preparing and implementing the plan, the Secretary shall to the extent feasible utilize the resources of other Federal and private entities with expertise and capabilities that are helpful.

SEC. 5. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Section 315(e)(3) (16 U.S.C. 1445a(e)(3)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", except that in the case of a meeting of an Advisory Council established to provide assistance regarding any individual national marine sanctuary the notice is not required to be published in the Federal Register".

SEC. 6. ENHANCING SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES.

(a) INCORPORATION OF EXISTING PROVISION.—Section 316 (16 U.S.C. 1445 note) is redesignated as section 317, section 2204 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Program

Amendments Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 5049) is moved so as to appear in the National Marine Sanctuaries Act following section 315, and that moved section is designated as section 316 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

(b) AMENDMENT OF INCORPORATED SECTION.—Section 316, as moved and designated by subsection (a) of this section, is amended as follows:

(1) Subsections (a), (g), and (h) are struck, and subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) are redesignated as subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), respectively.

(2) In subsection (a), as so redesignated, the matter preceding paragraph (1) is struck and the following is inserted:

"(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may establish a program consisting of—"

(3) In subsection (a)(5), as so redesignated—
(A) "establishment" is struck and "solicitation" is inserted; and

(B) "fees" is struck and "monetary or in-kind contributions" is inserted.

(4) In subsection (a)(6), as so redesignated—
(A) "fees" is struck and "monetary or in-kind contributions" is inserted; and

(B) "paragraph (5)" is struck and "paragraphs (5) and (6)" is inserted;

(C) "assessed" is struck and "collected" is inserted; and

(D) "in an interest-bearing revolving fund" is struck.

(5) In subsection (a)(7), as so redesignated—
(A) "and use" is inserted after "expenditure";

(B) "fees" is struck and "monetary and in-kind contributions" is inserted; and

(C) "and any interest in the fund established under paragraph (6)" is struck.

(6) In subsection (a), as so redesignated, paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) are redesignated in order as paragraphs (6), (7), and (8), and the following new paragraph is inserted after paragraph (4):

"(5) the creation, marketing, and selling of products to promote the national marine sanctuary program, and entering into exclusive or nonexclusive agreements authorizing entities to create, market or sell on the Secretary's behalf;"

(7) The following new sentence is added at the end of subsection (a), as so redesignated: "Monetary and in-kind contributions raised through the sale, marketing, or use of symbols and products related to an individual national marine sanctuary shall be used to support that sanctuary."

(8) In subsection (e), as so redesignated—

(A) paragraph (2) is struck;

(B) in paragraph (1), "(1)" is struck, and subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) are redesignated as paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4); and

(C) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, "fee" is struck and "monetary or in-kind contribution" is inserted.

(9) In each of subsections (b), (c), and (d), as so redesignated, by striking "subsection (b)" and inserting "subsection (a)".

SEC. 7. HAWAIIAN ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY.

(a) INCLUSION OF KAHOO LAWE ISLAND WATERS.—Section 2305 of the Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary Act (16 U.S.C. 1433 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "(A)" and inserting "(a)"; and

(B) by striking "the area described in subsection (b) is" and inserting "the area described in subsection (b)(1) and any area included under subsection (b)(2) are";

(2) by amending subsection (b)(2) to read as follows:

"(2)(A) Within 6 months after the date of receipt of a request in writing from the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission for